

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Parsons House Inventory Number: WI-542

Address: 5133 Airport Road City: Salisbury Zip Code: 21804

County: Wicomico USGS Topographic Map: Salisbury

Owner: Ethel Mae C. Spencer

Tax Parcel Number: 57 Tax Map Number: 49 Tax Account ID Number: 2308010757

Improvements, Salisbury-Ocean City: Wicomico

Project: Regional Airport, Wicomico County, MD Agency: Federal Aviation Administration

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Bamann et al. (2000) Phase I Cultural Resources Survey, Salisbury-Ocean City: Wicomico Regional Airport. Coastal Carolina Research.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

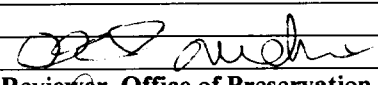
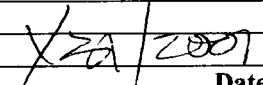
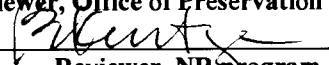
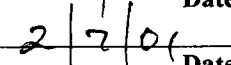
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The Parsons House does not appear to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The house is not a high-style example of the Craftsman style, which would typically have elaborations such as extra stickwork in gables, elaborated rafter ends, window boxes, and balconies (McAlester and McAlester 1984). Even as a vernacular example of the Craftsman style, the house is not typical. Craftsman porches are normally supported by square or tapered square columns that often extend to ground level or rest on piers that extend to ground level (McAlester and McAlester 1984). The porch roof of the Parsons House is supported by thin, turned posts that rest on the porch floor, and the porch foundation has been recently boxed in with plywood. Significant modifications, including the replacement of original materials by aluminum siding and aluminum windows, have also taken place. The house also does not appear eligible under Criteria A, B, and D, since it is not associated with significant individuals or events, and appears unlikely to yield important historical information.

Prepared by: Coastal Carolina Research, Inc.

Date Prepared: 1/8/01

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: _____	

 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	 Date
 Reviewer, NR program	 Date

CAPSULE SUMMARY
Parsons House (WI-542)
5133 Airport Road
Salisbury, MD 21804
ca. 1935
Access: private

Description

Very simple in form is the Craftsman-style Parsons House (WI-542), which is a one and one-half story, two-bay, frame building with aluminum siding. The circa 1935 side-gabled house features paired and single one-over-one sash windows, an asphalt shingle roof, an interior brick chimney with a corbelled cap, and a concrete foundation. The front and rear facades are each dominated by a large dormer (a gabled dormer in the front and a shed dormer in the rear). The front porch is full-width, and its roof is an extension of the main roof, supported by three turned posts. The porch's foundation has been boxed in by what appears to be plywood. A two-bay garage is located behind the house, and has an asphalt shingle roof, aluminum siding, ten-light windows, and a concrete foundation.

Significance Statement

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History of the Resource in Its Context

By the time of World War I, Craftsman-style houses were becoming more popular. The Craftsman houses in the general vicinity of the current project reflect the vernacular tradition that has been the foundation of the area's architectural history. The Parsons House, though not typical of the style, has characteristics of Craftsman-style houses. The house has remained a private residence since it was built, but has been significantly altered in recent times.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-542

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Parsons House

other

2. Location

street and number 5133 Airport Road not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ethel Mae C. Spencer

street and number 31110 Mount Hermon Road telephone 410-749-2536

city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21804

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Courthouse tax map and parcel

city, town Salisbury liber 1028 folio 15

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	2
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	buildings
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

Inventory No. WI-542

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

ca. 1935

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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McAlester, V. and L. McAlester 1984 *A Field Guide to American Houses*. Alfred A. Knopf, New York.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>1366 acres (548 ha)</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>11.12 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Salisbury</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>7.5 Minute</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The current boundary of this residential property (Tax Parcel 57/Tax Map 49) appears to be the historical boundary of the property.

11. Form Prepared by

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organization	Coastal Carolina Research, Inc.	date	8/14/00
street & number	532 Grove Avenue	telephone	(804) 957-9616
city or town	Petersburg	state	VA

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

Resource Sketch Map

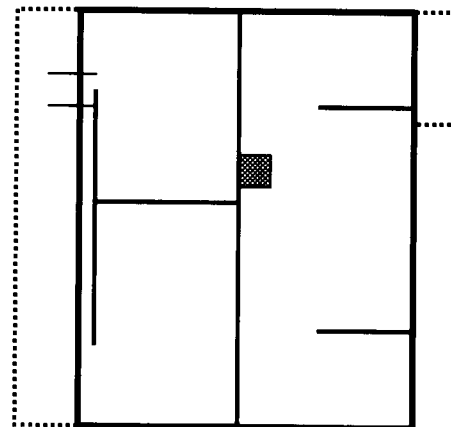
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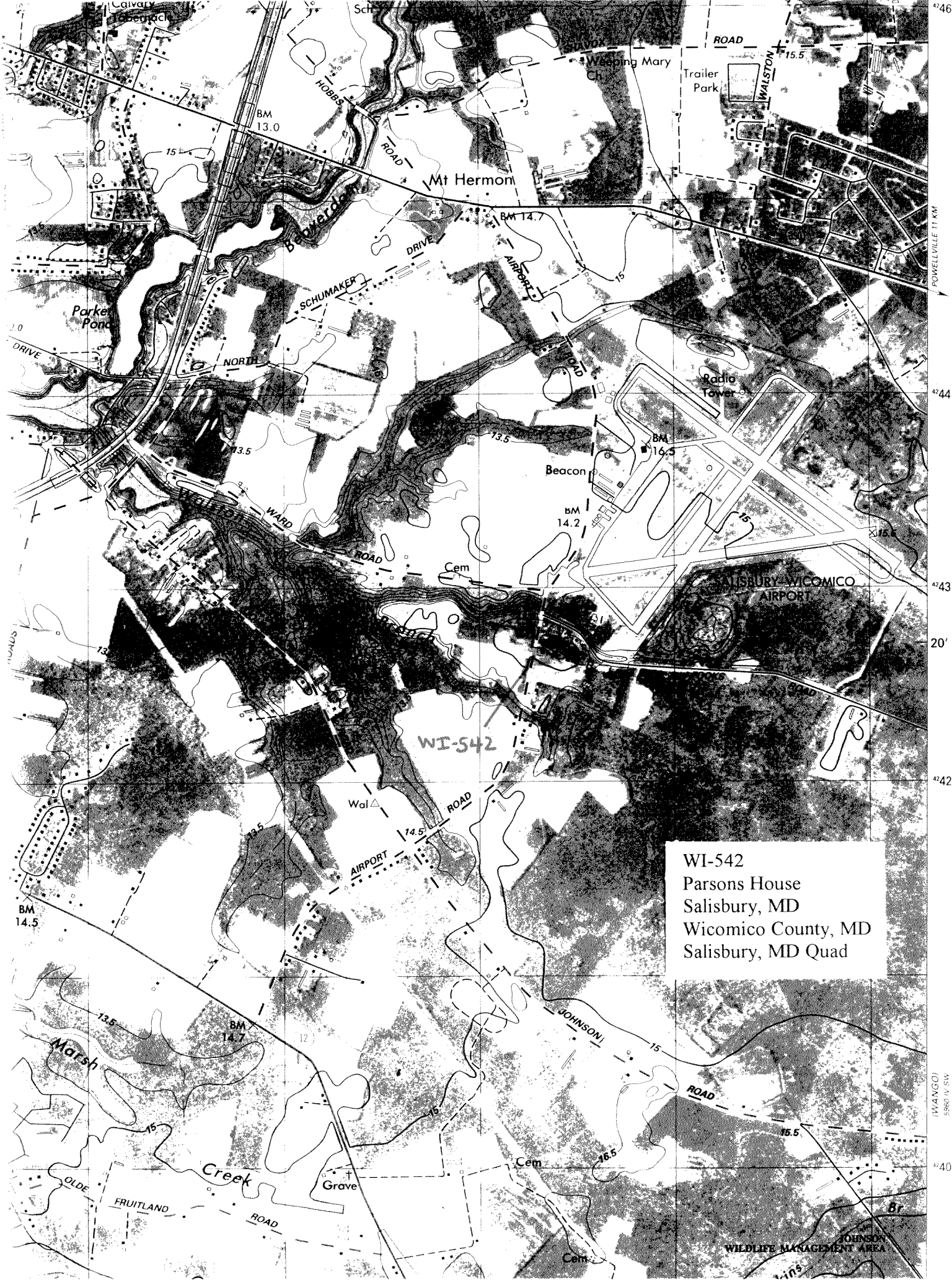
WI 542
Parsons House
Salisbury
Wicomico County
Map Not To Scale



Garage



Fooks Road



WI-542
Parsons House
Salisbury, MD
Wicomico County, MD
Salisbury, MD Quad

42°46'
42°44'
42°43'
20'
42°42'
42°40'

POWELLVILLE 11 KM

(WANGO)
5960 IV SW



WI 542

Parsons House

Wicomico County, Maryland

photographer: J. Jones

date of photo: January 5, 2000

Location of negative MD 511PO

Front view